

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figs. 2, 4, 5, 7-10, 14, 18, and 19. These sheets replace the original sheets.

In Fig. 2, please delete the reference numerals 211 and 216, and their corresponding tag lines.

In Fig. 4, please delete the reference numeral 413, and the corresponding brace.

In Fig. 5, please delete the reference numeral 504, and the corresponding tag line.

In Fig. 7, please delete the reference numeral 706, and the corresponding tag line.

In Fig. 8, please delete the reference numeral 807, and the corresponding tag line.

In Fig. 9, please delete the reference numerals 905-907, and their corresponding tag lines.

In Fig. 10, please delete the reference numerals 1003-1006, and their corresponding tag lines.

In Fig. 14, please change the reference numeral "1401" to "101".

In Fig. 18, please delete the reference numerals 1802-1804, and their corresponding tag lines.

In Fig. 19, please delete the reference numeral 1908, and the corresponding tag line.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3 and 9 are pending.

Various drawing objections were raised.

Claims 1-3 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 for allegedly being anticipated by Stevens, Larry, "Simplifying Complex Project Management: Complex Projects at US West Benefit from AutoPlan II Project Management Software, August 1995 issue of Open Computing.

As to the drawing objections, all but Figs. 6, 14, and 19 of the identified figures have been amended to cancel reference numerals identified in the Office action. As to Fig. 6, the specification has been amended to add a corresponding description of reference numerals 603 and 604. As to Fig. 14, the reference numeral 1401 has been amended to read "101." As to Fig. 19, reference numeral 1908 has been canceled, and the specification has been amended to add a corresponding description of reference numerals 1901-1907, 1909, and 1910. No new matter has been added.

Amended claim 1 substantively recites in part "collecting attribute information for a collection of works from two or more of said subprojects" and "displaying the attribute information of said works from a collection of works from two or more subprojects." See also amended claim 9. See for example the specification on page 8, lines 10 and following. No new matter has been added.

Paragraphs 11 and 19 of Stevens as identified by the examiner were cited for teaching the recited collecting and displaying limitations. Paragraph 11 of Stevens clearly discloses that "tasks or entire projects can be linked together." Stevens, however, does not mention at all collecting attribute information about the tasks, only that the tasks can be linked together. Moreover, Stevens does not mention collecting attribute information about tasks across multiple subprojects. Stevens therefore does not teach or suggest the recited "collecting attribute information for a collection of works from two or more of said subprojects."

Paragraph 19 of Stevens makes the observation that since the AutoPlan II software runs on a common hardware/software platform, that the engineers' workstations can


therefore readily access the software. Though Stevens discloses the general notion of displaying project information managed by the AutoPlan II software, Stevens does not discuss displaying attribute information about the tasks, or displaying attribute information about tasks from different subprojects. Stevens, therefore, does not teach or suggest the recited "displaying the attribute information of said works from a collection of works from two or more subprojects."

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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